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Description: ff. iii + i + 48 + ii - In calf, s. XVIII, in Italy; gilt stamped with a center floral design in a lozenge shape and a single flower spray in the corners of the beaded gilt border; spine richly gilt in floral patterns; label in second compartment. - "Leonardi boni quondam Inghi"; Campofregoso ownership in 1462; monastic ownership in 1473; Giuseppe Beltramelli of Bergamo (1734-1816); Guglielmo Libri (1802-1869); Sir Thomas Phillipps (1792-1872), his n. 16291; George A. Plimpton (1855-1936). - De Ricci, pp. 1769-1770.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 8

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 14th

Part 1: ff. 1-48v

Description: - Parchment - 294 x 218 mm - 35 long lines ruled in ink.

Country: Italy *Cardinal point:*

Region: *City:*

Assigned Date: s. XIV^{ex} *Searchable Date Range:* 1385 - 1399

Dated by scribe: No *Inscribed Date:*

Document: No *Number of Scribes:* ;4 (?); scribe i, f. iv verso; ii, ff.1-44v; iii, ff. 45-48, iv, f. 48v.

Script: Pre-humanistic script; added apocryphal letters on f. iv verso in a less careful prehumanistic hand; added letters of Genoese interest and added grammatical material ff. 45-48v in a more cursive version of the script of the main text.

Other Decoration: Opening 9-line initial in parted red and blue; 3- to 1-line initials in elaborately flourished black ink with touches of red; secondary initials in alternating red and blue.

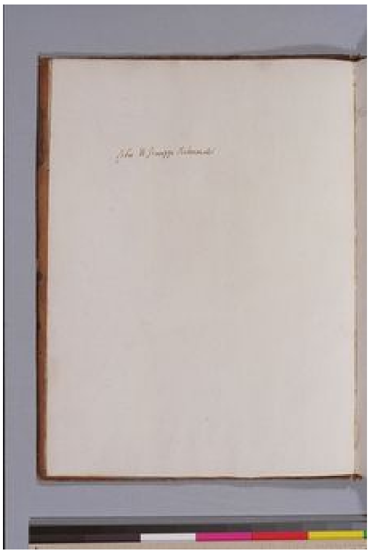
Notes: Scribe's name on f. 48v has been thoroughly scraped away; script is somewhat reminiscent of the circle of Coluccio Salutati.

Number of Texts: 3

Text 1: ff. i-iv blank; f. iv verso

Title: Letters from Pontius Pilate to Tiberius and from Lentulus to the Roman Senate (apocryphal)

Language(s): Latin



f. ii verso Ownership note of Giuseppe Beltramelli.

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f. iv verso Signed "B.O.O.S." (?)

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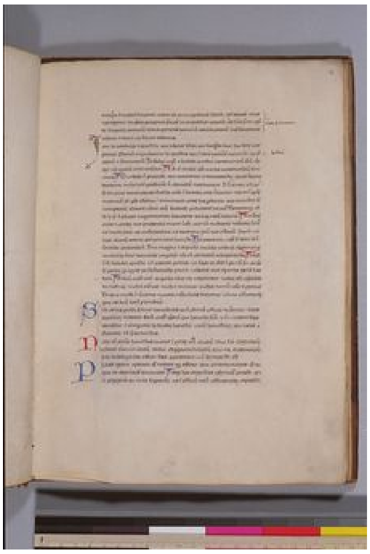
Text 2: ff. 1-44v
Author: Cicero
Title: De officiis
Language(s): Latin



f. 1 Parted initial, apparently over erasure of a larger red "Q"; the smaller blue "T" may be show-through from f. 2.

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f. 18 Pen and ink initial "I"; alternating red and blue initials; small reader's bracket on top 3 lines.

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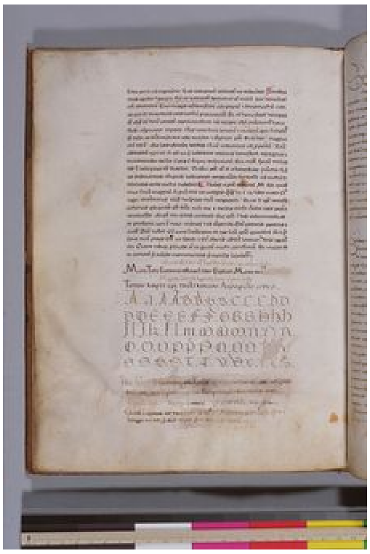
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f. 30v Red and black flourished initial.

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f. 44v Owner's name in cipher; alphabet; note dated Genoa 1462 and below that, another with the date 1473.

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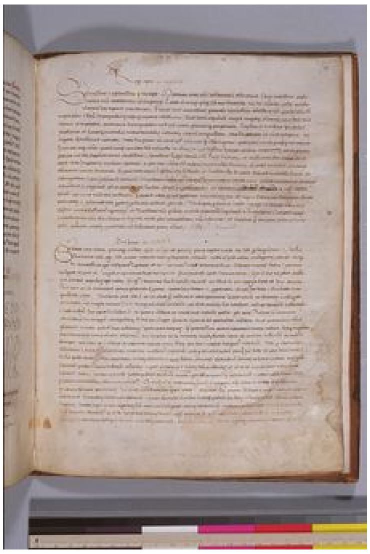
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Text 3: ff. 45-48v

Title: Letters of Genoese interest; grammatical excerpts

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Containing a letter urging the king of Cyprus to join forces against Sultan Bayezid I; a letter dated 1381 to Niccolò Guarco, doge of Genoa (1378-1383); an excerpt from Alexander de Villa Dei, Doctrinale vv. 2083-2281.



f. 45 Added letters, the second dated from Padua, 1381.

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f. 48v Pen trials, dated (?) 1442; erased ownership note; beginning of a letter; a Greek alphabet with the Latin character written above; verses and diagram of the winds.

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